

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)
ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts." up to the 30th day of September, 1899; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st August, 1899,	195,588		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	120	195,658	By Chief Commission to 31st August, 1899,	4,618	
			" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	4,618
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st August, 1899,	10,479				
Do. in month of Sept., 1899,	3	10,482	By Sub-Commissioners to 31st August, 1899,	167,233	
			" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	167,233
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st August, 1899,	30,016				
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	13	30,029			
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st August, 1899,	1,205		Dismissed—		
" received in Sept., 1899,	7	1,262	To 31st August, 1899,	9,115	
			In month of September, 1899,	—	9,115
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Aug., 1899,	1,457				
Do. in month of Sept., 1899,	2	1,459	Struck out—		
			To 31st August, 1899,	36,665	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 31st Aug., 1899,	461		In month of September, 1899,	—	36,665
Do. in month of Sept., 1899,	—	461	Withdrawn—		
			To 31st August, 1899,	15,090	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st August, 1899,	37		In month of September, 1899,	—	15,090
Do. in month of Sept., 1899,	1	38			
Total,	—	232,589	Total disposed of	—	232,661

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (ix.), page 16.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be agreed, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st Aug., 1899,	48,214	48,619	Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st August, 1899,	663	663
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	403		.. in month of Sept., 1899,	—	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st August, 1899,	5,470	5,507	By Sub-Commissions to 31st August, 1899,	21,023	21,023
Do. in month of Sept., 1899,	37		.. in month of Sept., 1899,	—	
			Dismissed— To 31st August, 1899,	548	548
			In month of September, 1899,	—	
			Struck out— To 31st August, 1899,	4,566	4,566
			In month of September, 1899,	—	
			Withdrawn*— To 31st August, 1899,	774	774
			In month of September, 1899,	—	
Total,	—	52,136	Total disposed of,	—	27,874

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a consent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.
FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st August, 1899,	127,789
Do. do. in month of September, 1899,	155
Total,	127,944

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st August, 1899,	18,606
Do. do. in month of September, 1899,	245
Total,	18,851

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices, (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st August, 1899,	1,796	1,809	Number disposed of to 31st Aug., 1899,	2,045
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	4		.. in month of Sept., 1899,	3
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st August, 1899,	43	43		
Do. in month of Sept., 1899,	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 35) received to 31st August, 1899,	1,063	1,063		
Applications in month of Sept., 1899,	—			
Total,	—	2,906	Total disposed of,	2,045

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, for rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSOR OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW IRELAND ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st August, 1899,	22	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st August, 1899,	30	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st August, 1899,	3	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	3
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1898.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 33.

Number of Applications received to 31st August, 1899,	19		Applications granted to 31st August, 1899,	6	
" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	19	" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	6
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st August, 1899,	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st August, 1899,	11	
" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	3	" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	11
			Applications withdrawn to 31st August, 1899,	3	
			" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	3
Total,	—	22	Total disposed of,	—	20

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 31st August, 1899,	4,356	Rents fixed to 31st August, 1899,	3,931	
" in September, 1899,	—	" in September, 1899,	—	3,931
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st August, 1899,	405	
		" in September, 1899,	—	405
Total,	4,356	Total disposed of,	—	4,356

VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENTS, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st August, 1899.	49,473	Number heard to 31st Aug., 1899.	24,801	
" in month of September, 1899.	164	" in month of Sept., 1899.	17	24,818
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st August, 1899.	501	
		" in month of Sept., 1899.	—	891
		Number withdrawn to 31st August, 1899.	21,656	
		" in month of Sept., 1899.	18	21,674
		Total Number disposed of.	—	47,293
		Remaining to be disposed of.	—	2,345
Total.	49,636	Total.	—	49,636

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st August, 1899.	12,396	Number heard to 31st Aug., 1899.	3,528	
" in month of September, 1899.	756	" in month of Sept., 1899.	64	3,592
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st August, 1899.	—	
		" in month of Sept., 1899.	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 31st Aug., 1899.	1,774	
		" in month of Sept., 1899.	49	1,823
		Total Number disposed of.	—	8,415
		Remaining to be disposed of.	—	7,637
Total.	13,052	Total.	—	13,052

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

	Number	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st August, 1899.	29,179	11,452,066
" in month of September, 1899.	—	—
	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused.	3,811	1,452,426
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned to 31st August, 1899.	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned in month of September, 1899.	—	—
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans issued to 31st August, 1899.	25,367	9,992,515
Loans issued in month of September, 1899.	—	—
	25,367	9,992,515

VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891, 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 31st August, 1899,	36,374	7,925,436		
Less applications since withdrawn,	11	3,317		
	36,363	7,923,219		
Loans applied for in month of September, 1899,	303	75,826	26,566	7,999,045
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st August, 1899,	621	196,652		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	621	196,652
Loans applied for (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st August, 1899,	109	106,594		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	109	106,594
Loans applied for (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st August, 1899,	14	282,488		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	14	282,488
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st August, 1899,	2,835	749,767		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	2,835	749,767
Total number of Loans applied for to 30th September, 1899,	—	—	30,145	9,334,546
Less applications refused to 30th September, 1899,	913	411,983		
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 30th September, 1899,	1,077	302,244	3,070	714,297
Loans sanctioned to 31st August, 1899,	20,700	6,445,966	28,075	8,620,319
" in month of September, 1899,	433	105,344	21,133	6,545,342
Loans sanctioned (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st August, 1899,	621	196,652		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	621	196,652
Loans sanctioned (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st August, 1899,	109	106,594		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	109	106,594
Loans sanctioned (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st August, 1899,	14	282,488		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	14	282,488
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st August, 1899,	1,758	447,523		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	1,758	447,523
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 30th September, 1899,	—	—	28,635	7,581,399
Less applications rescinded to the 30th September, 1899,	—	—	53	9,875
Loans issued to 31st August, 1899,	17,131	5,357,888	28,682	7,571,724
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	17,131	5,357,888
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st August, 1899,	621	196,652		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	621	196,652
" (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st August, 1899,	80	80,269		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	80	80,269
" (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st August, 1899,	14	282,488		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	14	282,488
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st August, 1899,	1,758	447,523		
" in month of September, 1899,	—	—	1,758	447,523
			19,604	6,361,820

IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 31st August, 1899,	1,428	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st August, 1899,	169	
“ in September, 1899,	8	Number received in September, 1899,	—	169
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st August, 1899,	1,355	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of September, 1899,	7	1,362
				1,431
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired,	—	—
Total,	1,431	Total,	—	1,431

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (c) page 4.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under the “Land Law Acts” as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 30th day of September, 1899.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881,” to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st August, 1899,	32,025		Rents fixed to 31st August, 1899,	18,169	
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	25		“ in month of September, 1899,	—	18,169
		32,050	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st August, 1899,	4,080	
Applications by Lessors under “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,” to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st August, 1899,	4,352		“ in month of September, 1899,	—	4,080
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	3		Applications withdrawn* to 31st August, 1899,	508	
		4,355	“ in month of September, 1899,	—	508
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,” when an agreement is pending, to 31st August, 1899,	2,551		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st August, 1899,	11,936	
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	2		“ in month of Sept., 1899,	5	11,941
		2,553	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1884,” transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 31st August, 1899,	37	
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1884,” to 31st August, 1899,	108		“ in month of Sept., 1899,	1	38
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	—				
		108	Total disposed of,	—	34,734
Total,	—	32,106			

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st August, 1899,	6,511	Rents fixed to 31st Aug., 1899,	1,732	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	1,732
Applications received in month of Sept., 1899,	83	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Aug., 1899,	213	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	213
		Applications withdrawn* to 31st Aug., 1899,	80	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	80
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st Aug., 1899,	3,470	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	57	3,507
Total,	6,594	Total disposed of,	—	5,522

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st August, 1899,	7,314
Do, do, in month of September, 1899,	—
Total,	7,314

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st August, 1899,	116
Do, do, in month of September, 1899,	—
Total,	116

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st August, 1899,	637	Number disposed of to 31st August, 1899,	346	
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	1	" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	346
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st August, 1899,	3	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Aug., 1899,	42	
Applications received in month of September, 1899,	—	Transferred in month of Sept., 1899,	—	42
Total,	—	641	Total disposed of,	—
				388

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, resumption of tenancy, or any other provision which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Aug., 1899, .	—	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Aug., 1899, .	6	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st August, 1899, .	—	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st August, 1899, .	—	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	—	6

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st August, 1899, .	23	Applications granted to 31st Aug., 1899, .	3	
" in month of Sept., 1899, .	—	" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Aug., 1899, .	4	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Aug., 1899, .	1	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st August, 1899, .	3	
		" in month of Sept., 1899,	—	3
Total,	23	Total disposed of,	—	11

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,
31st October, 1899.

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